

## **COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

IRS Issues Alert on New Phishing Scam:

Tax Preparers and Taxpayers Urged to Not Click on Strange Emails or Links Seeking Updated Information

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) urges South Carolinians to be aware and on guard against a new phishing scam attempting to fraudulently access personal information. The IRS has issued a warning to tax preparers and taxpayers to watch out for fake emails seeking updated personal or professional information that are actually phishing schemes. The phishing email asks tax professionals to update their IRS e-services portal information and Electronic Filing Identification Numbers (EFINs). The links in the phishing email appear to be a scheme to gather your username and password information.

For information about phishing emails, visit the SCDOR's website.

Read the IRS's full press release here.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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